



Item: Appointments, Advisory Commission on International Relationships
From: City Manager's Office
Initiated By: City Commission
Presented By: City Commission
Action Requested: Reappoint/Appoint members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission reappoint Sandra Erickson and appoint _____ and _____ to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2019.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint one member and appoint two new members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2019.

Background: Charity Jacobson and Sandra Erickson were appointed to the Commission in 2013 with terms expiring March 31, 2016; Ms. Erickson is asking to be reappointed for a second three-year term. Ruslan Soldyshev, Don Sims and Dean Koffler all resigned in 2015. At this time, three applications have been received for consideration for appointments.

Kay Silk has served on the Commission for two full terms and is not eligible to be reappointed. She is willing to continue serving until all vacancies are filled and she can be replaced by a qualified successor in accordance to Resolution 10059, Appointments to Boards and Commissions Policy.

Purpose

International programs are growing for many reasons. Rapid changes in communications technology, globalization of the marketplace, and political changes in the last decade have all contributed to an increasing awareness these trends will accelerate in the future. Communities, as well as individuals, businesses, and institutions will need to learn to participate in the “global

village,” or be left behind economically or in other ways. In order for the City to take a leadership role in nurturing and coordinating some of the international efforts, the Advisory Commission on International Relationships was created by Ordinance 2788 on November 8, 2000, and amended by Ordinance 2863 on October 21, 2003. The Commission provides support, coordination, and exchange of information for international programs in the community. The Commission consists of nine to eleven members.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising has been done through the local media and on the City’s website. The City will continue to advertise until all positions can be filled.

Continuing members of this board are:

Katheryn Craig	11/19/14 thru 3/31/18
Susan Effertz	4/7/15 thru 3/31/18
Elizabeth Guidara	1/6/15 thru 3/31/18
Kathryn Kruithoff	11/5/13 thru 3/31/17
Kay Silk	7/6/10 thru 3/31/16

Continuing members seeking reappointment:

Sandra Erickson

Citizens interested in serving:

Michael Kraft
Camile Reovan
Joseph Conner Gagnon

Concurrences: At its March 22, 2016, meeting, the Advisory Commission on International Relationships recommended the reappointment of Sandra Erickson and the appointments of Camile Reovan and Michael Kraft. Both Camile and Michael have attended ACIR meetings in the past. The Advisory Commission on International Relationships has invited Mr. Gagnon to attend an ACIR meeting to get a better understanding of the Commission prior to recommending him for appointment.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Attachments: Applications



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CITY MANAGER

Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to the various boards and commissions. This application subject to Montana Right to Know laws.

Board/Commission Applying For:		Date of Application:	
Advisory Commission for International Relationships		3/14/16	
Name:			
Michael Kraft			
Home Address:		Email address:	
1325 1st Ave N.		Michael.Kraft.19@gmail.com	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	
317-650-6418	—	SAME	
Occupation:		Employer:	
Air Force Officer		USAF	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)			
Occasionally I have to miss due to alert requirements.			
Related experiences or background:			
I have a MS in Global Technology & Development. My internship was spent helping ACIR plan the 2014 Ukrainian delegation.			
Educational Background:			
BS in Elementary Education from Purdue MS in Global Tech & Development from Arizona State			
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Previous and current service activities:			
Great Falls Young Life ACIR Volunteer Team Red, White, & Blue (RWB)			
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive):			
N/A			
Membership in other community organizations:			
Great Falls Young Life Team RWB Great Falls			

Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, where and when?	
Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, who, which department, and relationship?	
Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?	
Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? I have volunteered off & on with ACIR for over a year & would like to be an official member.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? I have already served as a volunteer & helped plan previous events.	
Additional comments: N/A	
Signature 	Date: 3/10/16

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Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to the various boards and commissions. This application subject to Montana Right to Know laws.

Board/Commission Applying For: ACIR		Date of Application: 3/20/16
Name: Camile Reovan		
Home Address: 708 49th St. N.		Email address: lreovan@aol.com
Home Phone: NA	Work Phone: (406) 455-5138	Cell Phone: (406) 217-7633
Occupation: Maint. Mech.	Employer: Benefis Health System	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain) Won't affect it on a regular basis		
Related experiences or background: I'm from the US Virgin Islands, I serve as a leader at my local church, I'm also on my church board.		
Educational Background: High School diploma and 3 yrs of college		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: I minister once a month at the rescue mission.		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): I currently coach little league baseball as well as travel softball ASA.		
Membership in other community organizations: Rescue Mission		

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Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?	
Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board? My local church Board at Living Grace Church	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? To help bridge the gap between International relationships, to bring awareness of the diversities and cultures in Great Falls.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? Being from the Virgin Islands and having to meet and bond with different races, ethnicity, culture while playing baseball, I minister at the rescue mission so I encounter people from all walks of life. I'm also	
Additional comments: a people's person, I love meeting people of every race, culture, nationality etc.	
Signature 	Date: 3/20/16

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Board/Commission Applying For: <i>Advisory Commission on International Relationships</i>		Date of Application: <i>2/21/2016</i>
Name: <i>Joseph Conner Gagnon</i>		
Home Address: <i>1041 Franklin Ave Great Falls, MT 59405</i>		Email address: <i>conner.gagnon@hotmail.com</i>
Home Phone: <i>—</i>	Work Phone: <i>—</i>	Cell Phone: <i>(425)-359-1626</i>
Occupation: <i>Bank Teller</i>	Employer: <i>Embark Federal Credit Union</i>	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
Related experiences or background: <i>I have a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis on International Relations from Montana State University.</i>		
Educational Background: <i>B.A. in Political Science - Montana State University - Bozeman Master of Public Administration - Eastern Washington University.</i>		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: <i>I have volunteered for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank in Everett, WA since 2003 which spurred my aspiration to serve the public and be an active member of the community that I live in.</i>		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): <i>I have not been elected or appointed to public office. However, I have worked on two campaigns for individuals running for public office for an internship as a student at Montana State University.</i>		
Membership in other community organizations: <i>Currently, I am not a member of any community organization in Great Falls.</i>		

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Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? As an individual who graduated with an M.P.A, I have a strong interest in community development and this board would be a fantastic opportunity for me to build strong relationships, learn how a Board operates to benefit the community and enhance my knowledge of local government.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? I have experience working within the community and advocating for greater access to public services. Also, my background educational experience has prepared me to understand various cultures and peoples around the globe and how organizations offer assistance to those who are interested in our community.	
Additional comments: The opportunity to serve on this board would be beneficial to my professional and personal development as I look forward to a career centered on community development and public service.	
Signature 	Date: 2/21/16

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